BMA: The Serie

Episode 15: To Enjoy of a Familiar Enviroment

INT. GYM'S LOCKER - AFTERNOON

Jake is washing his head in the sink. He's wearing a sports uniform. Besides him is Will waiting for him.

WILL

Well... here it comes. The big day.

JAKE

Do you think I'll mess it up?

WILL

I have my point of view, but it doesn't matter as much as the perception you have of yourself.

JAKE

(nodding)

I think I'm ready.

Jake gets ready and turns to Will.

JAKE

Thanks man, you know I wouldn't be able to--

WILL

Stop the creamy words, just go outside and hit those points!

Jake smiles and nods.

JAKE

You got that right.

A WHISTLE sounds.

INT. GYM - AFTERNOON

Various teams are playing against each other, the referee makes the sign to start. The balls starts moving. There are six teams playing in the volleyball courts. Jake's team is playing well, they're scoring some points and some others are being missed. Then it comes the time for Jake to serve. He gets nervous in the serving line and looks at front. Will is watching from the benches.

WILL

(to himself)

You got this, man.

All the ambassadors are watching the game too.

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EDDY (yelling)
Let's go, Jake!

The WHISTLE sounds, Jake throws the ball to the air and hits it. The ball flies and it touches the net, the ball crosses so close, that nobody can answers it. All the team celebrates, Jake just raises his hands thankfully, he turns to Will and points at him. Will nods happy for him.

WILL

That's right, you got it!

SCREEN

Intro.

INT. GYM - AFTERNOON

SEQUENCE OF IMAGES: A lot of volleyball moves are being shown: some good points, spikes, saves, serves and blocks. A lot of teams celebrates, while others just try not to lose. A calendar SHOWS the days, passing by.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The so desired intramurals had come to BMA, this time was the volleyball tournament, Jake's favorite. Even though Jake's team wasn't the best in all the BMA history, they were doing pretty good. These activities took place during rec time, and they last for about a month of intense and excited matches, which selected the best teams for the play offs.

Jake's team is celebrating after beating another team. His team goes up on the stadistics. Jake serves and he's getting all his serves across, he's really happy about that.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The tournament had already started, and some teams had already qualified to be in the intramurals. Jake's team was on the top, but they still had some matches more to defined.

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Jake and his team is struggling against a team, because they're tied, but after a while, Trevor hits the ball and the other team misses, after that Lisa makes a serve that the other team can't answer giving them the victory. Jake and his team celebrates together. Will celebrates with them.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It was worth to say that Jake's team really earned their pass to the final. It was their last game, one more to victory. Even though it haven't been easy, they were glad they did their part to improve and give their best for the team.

A WHISTLE marks the beginning of the final game. All the players are ready. At the WHISTLE, the ball goes in the air and the game starts. This game is not easy for either team. They move around and serve. Finally the score is 23-23. It's Jake turn. He goes slowly to the serving line. He breathes deep. He remembers Will's teachings.

WILL (V. O.)

Remember, always open your whole hand and hit it straight. Unless you want to do it with a little effect, just flip the ball a little when you serve it. It might be a little tricky to hit, but if you do. They won't stand a chance. Trust me.

Jake bounces the ball a few times, then the WHISTLE sounds. He thinks about doing the effect. His teammates are looking at him. He decides to go all in. He flips the ball and then hits it. The ball actually takes a turn making it hard to receive. He made a point. Score 24-23. He has another chance and does the same. They win and celebrate. Jake looks so happy. Will nods at Jake from the distance. The ambassadors also look proud about Jake. The frame FREZZES as Jake's team is cheering. Will, and the ambassadors are also there. There's a little ZOOM OUT.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

This sure was one of the happiest moments of the BMA Ambassadors.

SCREEN

There's a sequence of pictures of what happened during the year. It starts from the first days of school, when they become ambassadors, the work they started doing, till the day they are at the moment.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Without they even realizing it, time flew, they were now different people than they were the day the got to BMA. What once was a challenging task now had become a life style. Everyone was ready to become a new leader.

There are some pictures showing the struggles and things they passed through in their ambassadors projects.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It haven't been easy for anyone, but sure, that make their character stronger.

There are some pictures of the hikings, the banquet, concerts, pictures during classes, SA Activities, etc.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Now, as the school was advancing, they had to keep going with their life and personal projects. But now there was a big difference going on at BMA.

INT. OFFICE - DAY

Jennifer enters with a smile to the office where there is the secretary.

JENNIFER

Hi, sorry for my delay. You said you were needing help with some papers, right?

SECRETARY

Oh not anymore, some girls came and help me. They are actually finishing right now.

JENNIFER

Oh really?

INT. ROOM - DAY

The girls from the dorm are fixing the last papers. Jennifer enters trying to see what is going on.

JENNIFER

What are you doing here?

LISA

Oh hey! We heard the secretary was needing help, we just decided to come and help, you know.

Jennifer just nods and smiles.

EXT. BMA - DAY

Eddy and his friends are walking of the BMA building and going to the dorms, when they see at the basketball court some people gather.

EDDY

What's going on there?

They approach to the group to see.

NICK

Look guys, if you really want to be as pro as I am, you have to do as I say. Bounce the ball twice and then (he moves around with the ball showing the movement) fake a turn and throw it. You got that?

The kids nods tryng to remember how is it done. Eddy smiles.

ADAM

Seems like now everyone wants to do some tutoring.

Nick realized Eddy and his friends are there. He just nods and raise his hand. Rodi is there too. Eddy nods back and then they start leaving.

EDDY

That seems like a progress to me.

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Will and Jake are walking to their next class while they talk.

WILL

Yeah, that was a good book, I was reading it last summer--

Suddenly Michael arrives.

MICHAEL

Hey man! I just wanted to say that I saw the intraurals. Man! You played really good. I just wanted to see... I know the semester is almost over, but still... in the weeks left you can teach me some things... that would be cool.

Jake and Will look at each other.

JAKE

Sure, but you know. I can teach you some things, but you're going to need us both to fully become a professional. He taught me how to serve perfectly.

Michael turns and look at Will.

MICHAEL

Really? Awesome!

JAKE

So, what do you say? Do you want to be part of the dream team?

MICHAEL

Yeah! Of course I want to!

They all laugh.

JAKE

Okay, get ready for rec time. This is going to be intense.

INT. DORM - DAY

Melissa and Sofia are sweeping the hall while repeating some words outloud.

MELISSA

Mucho gusto en conocerte.

SOFIA

Nice to meet you!

MELISSA

Serías tan amable de decirme la hora?

SOFIA

Would you be so kind to tell me the time?

They stop as they see Wendy's room with her door open. She is giving a motivational speach to her roomate.

WENDY

So this is why you shouldn't think you're not going to make it when you have all the possibilities to be the greatest. Trust me, I also had to learn that.

Melissa smiles and keeps going.

MELISSA

De donde eres?

SOFIA

Where are you from?

EXT. GAZEBO - DAY

Dylan is walking to the BMA building with some friends when he sees in the gazebo an origami figure, it's a very basic boat.

DYLAN

Wait, this isn't mine.

It says: TO WHOEVER NEEDS TO READ IT: YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL. Dylan smiles and leaves. In a CLOSE SHOT we see the boat now decorated.

INT. CHURCH - NIGHT

There is a worship service where the kids participate. Some students also reading bible verses, some others are participating in front. All the students are now gathered listening to the preacher speak. The ambassadors are there listening too.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

As every semester at BMA, it was time for the well known F.O.C.U.S. week, where special preachers had a powerful week with the young students to help them find their own spiritual life. That week, the message caught one particular person.

DEE CASPER

I'm here representing the CORE program, which has been created with the purpose of helping young people find Jesus in their own lives and help others to find it too (add Dee Casper own words). We are looking for new, encouraging, brave people, who are ready to live a new spiritual encounter and respond to God's call.

Jennifer is listening very carefully to those words. She sees some pictures in the screens that shows all the work they have done as a group.

INT. BMA LOBBY - NIGHT

Everybody is getting out of church. There's a table with all the information of the CORE program with the instructors. Jennifer approaches them and look at their table.

INSTRUCTOR

Hi there, are you interested in living the misionary experience?

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Jennifer look at the instructor and look at all the information, pictures and flyers they have, she smiles looking at them.

JENNIFER

Yes, I am.

INT. BMA HALLS - DAY

A lot of students are walking through the halls, they're excited and saying goodbye to their friends. Little by little the students start disappearing, leaving the halls empty.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

As all things in life, what starts, must end sometime. Blue Mountain Academy was having his last days of school, most of the students were getting ready to leave and there was mixed feeling all around the place. Graduation was just around the corner, and our senior friends, were going to have one of the best experiences of their lives. That moment was certainly crucial for one person in particular.

The janitor is looking at all of them leave. Suddenly he looks at something close to him. There's an origami with a janitor

figure. He looks at it and it says: THANKS FOR ALWAYS KEEPING BMA CLEAN. The janitor smiles.

JANITOR

That kid needs to learn about ecology.

He puts the origami in his pocket carefully and keeps doing his job WHISTLING happy.

INT. TEACHER OFFICE - DAY

Jennifer is entering the room where her teacher is.

JENNIFER

Hi there! I just came to pick up my books.

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TEACHER

Oh, sure, go ahead.

Jennifer enters and take some books, the teacher look at her.

TEACHER

So, how do you feel? Are you ready for graduation?

JENNIFER

Oh yeah, I'm excited.

TEACHER

I'm sure you are. New experiences are about to happen in these months after the graduation. Do you know what do you want to do after graduating? What are your plans?

Jennifer look at her and with a sincere smile she answers.

JENNIFER

I want to be a misionary, I just want to help others.

TEACHER

Oh! I like that! I'm sure you'll developt really well in that area, many people spoke well of your helping hands.

Jennifer smiles.

INT. MEETING ROOM - DAY

There is a PANEO showing us the inside of the building. The ambassadors are reunited together. The principal is at the front looking at them with a smile.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

And even for the ambassadors it was being time to say goodbye to the project that started all.

PRINCIPAL

So, this is it. Surely time flies, but I've got to say that I have seen your progress all along and I'm proud of who you became, you all. Would you ever imagine yourselves doing this before?

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EDDY

Well, I've got to admit I would've never done that before, without a reason. I'm even surprise of myself now.

PRINCIPAL

I'm glad to hear that from you, Eddy, and I believe all of you have some similar ideas.

All of them nod.

PRINCIPAL

This project started out as a try out, something new we had never had before, and even though we had some situations at the beginnig, you were the ones who made it a real experience at the end. You really accomplished the goal of the project. Have you seen the impact you made in this school? I'm really thankful for you all being so considerate and hard working guys. You all did a great job.

JENNIFER

On the contrary, I think we're thankful to you for making us see everything with a different perspective. I guess it helped us all in different ways.

The principal smiles.

PRINCIPAL

Well, I'm glad to hear that. You know, this was just a school project, you could say, you did all this for the sake of a score or good grades, but... it doesn't have to end there. Some of you are about to graduate, some of you are just starting school, so you still have a life ahead of you. I encourage you to always be the person who takes the first step to make the world a better place. If you keep doing what you were doing this time in BMA, I assure you, life is going to change dramatically for you.

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EDDY

That makes sense.

MELISSA

Yeah, I feel like it would be good to work more on this.

DYLAN

Yes! I want to keep doing it! I have so many new ideas now and I'm ready to start anytime!

JENNIFER

Now it's kind of hard to do otherwise.

JAKE

Yeah, I think that's true.

They smile while keep talking. They seem really happy to be together. There are some jumping FRONT AND BACKS of how they were the first time in the office, as how they are now.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

And without even realizing it, all the good actions they did was now fully ingrained in the core of their hearts. Now it had become a lifestyle that was preparing them to be the new leaders of the future.

The principal takes a new group picture.

DYLAN

You know. I'm proud to be part of this BMA family.

They all smile.

EXT. GAZEBOO - AFTERNOON

The five ambassadors are together having a good time, talking with each other.

DYLAN

I heard there's a nice study building in that college, I bet you'll have a lot of fun there!

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JAKE

I better do, I have high hopes about that.

EDDY

Are you guys nervous about being college students in a few weeks?

JENNIFER

It used to be kind of scary at the beginning for me, but not anymore. Now, I'm more excited than anything.

JAKE

Yeah, same with me. You guys better keep BMA cool when we leave.

DYLAN

You can be sure of that.

MELISSA

I'll make sure they're fine. They'll need the guidance of a senior lady, if they want to keep things in order.

EDDY

I'll definitely need help. I'm a mess.

They all laugh.

MELISSA

Good luck there guys, I'm sure, you're about to have a good experience in college.

MELISSA

You all will too, I can picture the new BMA with these three powerful ambassadors, being a real familiar environment.

DYLAN

We'll make sure it does.

EDDY

The same with you two, in your different paths, I know, you'll make a real change wherever you go.

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JAKE

Once an ambassador, always an ambassador.

They keep talking friendly while the CAMERA does a TRAVELING UP showing us all the BMA campus.

EXT. GAZEBO - AFTERNOON

The ambassadors are now leaving. Melissa and Jennifer are talking in their way to their dorm. Eddy is tying his shoelaces on the distance. Jake and Dylan are going in the front.

DYLAN

Oh man! I'm already excited for next year!

JAKE

Bro, how can you be always happy about everything?

DYLAN

I don't know. Life is beautiful, you just have to focus in the good things.

JAKE

(smiling)

That's good. You seem to be upgrated haha, kind like advanced or more mature for your age.

(short pause)

Keep it that way.

DYLAN

Me? Mature? No way! I still like to watch cartoons.

JAKE

(smiling)

Just keep doing what you are doing, you're doing fine. Enjoy your time as you had done so far. Don't let yourself become as grumpy and bored as I was. I assure you, you'll enjoy life better that way. Senior advice, you better write that down.

EDDY

(just arriving) What senior advice?

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DYLAN

You can bet I will.

Jake and Dylan smiles.

EDDY

No seriously, what advice?

INT. PARKING LOT - MORNING

A lot of cars and people are gathered together and saying goodbye.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

A few days from graduation, everybody was getting ready to leave. Only the seniors and junior would stay for the ceremony.

Trevor and Daniel are saying goodbye to each other with a very elaborated handshake. Jake is taking Will outside in the wheelchair.

JAKE

Well man, here we are. Final days.

WILL

There's still graduation left.

JAKE

Yeah, but this is the last day for these guys.

They see the other people getting in their cars and leaving.

WILL

It'll be done for us too when we conclude the graduation. This could be the last time we see BMA.

JAKE

Yeah, you might be right about that.

(short pause)

But you know... you might leave BMA, but BMA will never leave you.

They both smile.

WILL

Will I see you in the future?

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JAKE

Of course! What question is that! I'll make sure to have another match of volleyball. Next time you see me, I'll be the master of the serves! And better be ready to be beaten really hard!

WILL

Oh! The student surpassing the teacher! We'll see about that.

They both keep walking while talking watching the people go.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

That was a special thing I always said about BMA. The friendship you create in that place... that friendship was for life.

EXT. DORM - DAY

Eddy and his friends are walking out of the dorm with their suitcases and backpacks. Zero is taking with him a big poster of BMA.

SKINNY

Man, this year was done so fast that it got me just warming up.

ADAM

Still we rock it all!

SKINNY

You know, I don't know why but I kind of enjoy this time better than the others.

ZERO

I guess it was beacuse the cafeteria start serving brazilian food.

SKINNY

I guess that's it.

Nugget approaches them running with a lot of suitcases, even bigger than himself.

NUGGET

Hey guys! You weren't planning on leaving without saying goodbye to me, your best friend, right?

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They just look at him without saying anything and then smile.

SKINNY

You've got some nerves, Nugget.

EDDY

Of course we were not going to forget you! You sure were a good friend. You were one of us.

Eddy does a handshake with him and then Eddy's friends start to greet him and talk to him, Nugget is happy of being included in the group. Eddy looks around and see Anna at the distance. He smiles and approaches her.

EDDY

Hey! Leaving already?

ANNA

Yeah! I'm about to. Are you also ready to go?

EDDY

I guess I am.

(pausing)

I feel like I'm going to miss BMA, you know, the friends, the teachers, some people more than others...

Anna smiles.

ANNA

I know you will, you have many friends around here.

EDDY

Well... just a few here and there.

There is a pause.

EDDY

So, are you comming back next year?

ANNA

Yes, I will. Perhaps I might need some tutoring next year, you know... In case there's a tutor willing to do it.

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EDDY

Oh, I have a feeling that there's one very willing to do it.

Anna smiles. They keep talking. Eddy's friend and Nugget are looking from the distance with a big smile.

NUGGET

So is he opening a girls club now?

INT. DYLAN'S ROOM - DAY

Tucker and Dylan has his things packed up. They're at the door looking at their now empty room.

TUCKER

So I guess this is it.

DYLAN

I guess it is.

Without loosing sight up front, Dylan extends him an origami figure of a dragon. Tucker looks at it amaze.

TUCKER

Wait, did you make this? No way! It's so cool!

It has written on it: TO THE BEST ROOMATE. I'LL WAIT FOR YOU NEXT YEAR. Tucker just nods happy and extends his fist to do a fist bump.

TUCKER

You are sometimes a weird roomate, but I'm glad we were, you are a good friend.

Dylan answers the fistbump with a smile.

INT. BMA HALLS - DAY

Dylan is going around the halls looking at everything empty now.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It was now time for Dylan to leave. It was his first year in BMA, and he had gone through a lot of adventures that he surely was going to share with others.

EXT. BMA - DAY

Dylan gets closer to the BMA building and looks around proudly. Then he leaves a green paper over the sits.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

He had learn so many things during his time being a BMA Secret Ambassador that now he wanted to encourage everyone to keep doing the same.

EXT. BMA - DAY

Melissa is getting up the car when something drops off her suitcase. She tries to pick that up when she realizes there's an origami figure. She smiles when she sees it.

INT. CAR - DAY

Eddy is leaving in a car with his family when he feels something inside his pocket. He takes it out and realizes there's an origami picture.

INT. AIRPORT - DAY

Jennifer is at the airport with her suitcases and things. She has an origami figure in her hand.

INT. CAR - DAY

Jake is holding a origami figure while sitted in the car. The teacher next to him look at it.

TEACHER

Oh, what is that?

JAKE

(smiling)

Just a reminder of a friend.

EXT. BMA - DAY

Dylan is getting in the car. His family is putting his suitcases in the car. They are all ready to go.

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DYLAN'S DAD Are you ready to go, Dylan?

Dylan looks at the school with a smile.

DYLAN

Yeah, I'm ready.

Everybody gets on the car ready and start leaving. The car leaves the parking lot.

NARRATOR

The kids never told the other students about the BMA Secret Ambassadors Project, that was something they kept for themselves. They knew the results of their actions and were so proud of it. They saw how people started to act deliverately with a genuine kind heart, and that my friends... that made the difference not only in the school, but in the students themselves.

Dylan looks through the window, watching how BMA is getting everytime further and further away.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

It was clear to say that, that experience in BMA impacted that little kid so much, that he didn't talk about anything else during summer, and came back to his sophomore year, with even more energy than before. He was unstopable, unbreakable and unforgettable! BMA had taught that kid about the value of a friendship, the lesson of the challenges, the importance of a vision, the benefits of a real education and the meaning of a family. That kid learned so many things by that time.

The camera TURNS SLOWLY showing the BMA landscapes through the car, until it reaches again Dylan's spot and we can see the narrator, an OLD MAN, seated in his place looking through the window, just as Dylan was. CONTINUED: 21.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

The impact was so much, that now he's bringing his grandson to BMA, the third generation of proud BMA alumni.

Dylan, the old man, looks besides him and there's a kid looking the window.

EXT. BMA - AFTERNOON

We see some shots of the BMA campus.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

You see... to generate a genuine change in your community, you have to start with yourself. Don't wait for anybody to start making a change, you can be the one who starts the movement. The one who takes the decision.

EXT. HAMBURG LANDSCAPES - AFTERNOON

The car is advancing while we see the landscapes of Hamburg.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

You don't have to be perfect, you might think you have some flaws, or that you don't have the right temperament to do so, maybe you have some uncertainties about yourself or you're way too busy and with a social life that you have to take care of. Maybe you're just a kid and you think you're ideas might be not the right ones...

(short pause)
Well... it doesn't matter. Just try
it. This is not a cause for the
competent, this is a mission for
anybody willing to make the
difference.

INT. CAR - AFTERNOON

Dylan (the old narrator) looks at the camera and smiles.

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NARRATOR

The call is for everyone my friends. You can make the place that surronds you a small piece of heaven, you just have to start asking yourself: What can I do to make this community a better place? Remember: God does not call the empowered, he empowers the called.

EXT. BMA BUILDING - AFTERNOON

We see in a WIDE SHOT the building with a small green paper in it. A CLOSE SHOT show us an origami piece, the one that Dylan left for anybody. The

> NARRATOR (V.O.) So, the question here remains: Are you willing to be a secret ambassador too?

The CAMERA TURNS a little and written in the origami piece its written: TO MAY IT CONCERN.

CUT TO BLACK.